Application No. 10/629,114
Response dated APRIL 21, 2005
Reply to Restriction Requirement dated March 22, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2005.

The Examiner asserted that restriction to one species is required under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner identified the following patently distinct species: Figures 1-3, 4, 6, 7-9, 10-11, 12, and 13-15. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species shown in Figures 13-15, without traverse, corresponding to claims 1-8, 12-19, 21-24, 41-49, and 53-64. As such, claims 9-11, 20, and 50-52 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner indicated that claim 41 is currently generic. Applicants also respectfully submit that claim 1 is a generic method claim.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is also respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,
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